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## **Indiana September 1 Crop Forecast**

Favorable August weather has pushed Indiana corn and soybean yields to potential records, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician, USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report follow:

- Indiana's corn yield is forecast at 192 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from 2017 and up 6 bushels from the August forecast. If realized this will be a new record yield. Total production is forecast at 944.6 million bushels, up 1 percent from a year ago.
- Soybean yield in Indiana is forecast at 60 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from last year, and up 2 bushels from last month. If realized this will be a new record yield. Total production is forecast at 370.8 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year.
- Nationally, Corn production is forecast at 14.8 billion bushels, up 2 percent from August and up 2 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 181.3 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from the August forecast and up 4.7 bushels from 2017. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.8 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 1 percent from 2017.
- U.S. soybean production is forecast at a record 4.69 billion bushels, up 2 percent from August and up 7 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average a record high 52.8 bushels per acre, up 1.2 bushels from last month and up 3.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 88.9 million acres, unchanged from August but down 1 percent from 2017.

## Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2016 - 2018

| Commodity -          | Indiana |         |         | United States |            |            |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|------------|------------|
|                      | 2016    | 2017    | 2018    | 2016          | 2017       | 2018       |
| Corn, all            |         |         |         |               |            |            |
| Planted1,000 acres   | 5,600   | 5,350   | 5,100   | 94,004        | 90,167     | 89,128     |
| Corn, grain          |         |         |         |               |            |            |
| Harvested1,000 acres | 5,470   | 5,190   | 4,920   | 86,748        | 82,703     | 81,770     |
| Yield Bushels        | 173.0   | 180.0   | 192.0   | 174.6         | 176.6      | 181.3      |
| Production 1,000 bu  | 946,310 | 934,200 | 944,640 | 15,148,038    | 14,604,067 | 14,826,690 |
| Soybeans             |         |         |         |               |            |            |
| Planted1,000 acres   | 5,650   | 5,950   | 6,200   | 83,433        | 90,142     | 89,557     |
| Harvested1,000 acres | 5,630   | 5,940   | 6,180   | 82,696        | 89,522     | 88,862     |
| Yield Bushels        | 57.5    | 54.0    | 60.0    | 52.0          | 49.1       | 52.8       |
| Production1,000 bu   | 323,725 | 320,760 | 370,800 | 4,296,086     | 4,391,553  | 4,693,135  |

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